

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 16, 2000

IN RE: APPLICATION OF NASHVILLE)
GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF)
OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)
COMPANY, INC. FOR AN) DOCKET NO. 99-00994
ADJUSTMENT IN ITS RATES)
AND CHARGES, THE APPROVAL)
OF REVISED TARIFFS AND THE)
APPROVAL OF REVISED SERVICE)
REGULATIONS)


ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") upon the Motion for Extension of Time (the "Motion") filed on May 9, 2000, by the Consumer Advocate Division ("Consumer Advocate"). In the Motion, the Consumer Advocate requests additional time until May 17, 2000 to file testimony. As grounds for the Motion the Consumer Advocate states that Nashville Gas Company and the Consumer Advocate have reached a tentative settlement which would impact the Consumer Advocate's pre-filed testimony. On May 10, 2000, the Pre-Hearing Officer gave notice to all parties to file any response or opposition to the Consumer Advocate's Motion no later than May 15, 2000. No response or opposition was filed with the Authority within the required time period.

The Pre-Hearing Officer has considered the Motion and finds good cause for granting the Motion. Hearing no opposition from the parties, the Motion for Extension of Time is granted.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Consumer Advocate's Motion for Extension of Time is hereby granted.
2. The procedural schedule is hereby amended to provide that the Consumer Advocate's pre-filed testimony shall be filed no later than Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 4:30 p.m.
3. Any party aggrieved by the Pre-Hearing Officer's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.



J. Richard Collier, Acting As
Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary